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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ballistic Missiles/Space Division, OSI

ATTENTION:

FROM:

Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT:

Craters Located at Approximately 40N 100E

REFERENCE:

- (a) Requirement OSI/R-68/63
- (b) CIA/PID Project C 256-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 27 February 1963 requesting comments on the origin, size, etc. of craters located 15-25 nm northeast of Shuang-Cheng-Tzu airfield.

2. The craters and surrounding terrain were examined on oblique photography of [redacted] The following comments are made:

(a) The craters (40-32N 100-05E) are located approximately 16 nm north-east of the center of Shuang-Cheng-Tzu airfield and approximately 8 nm due east of the rail line connecting the airfield with the Shuang-Cheng-Tzu Missile Test Center.

(b) The 15 craters vary in size from 5 to 15 feet and were in existence in [redacted]. No change in the extent of track activity in the area has been noted. An additional crater is located on the opposite side of the track (to the north) approximately 3,000 feet west of the main cluster of 15.

(c) Although it is not possible to determine the origin of these craters, sufficient evidence exists to suggest that they are "man made". It is extremely doubtful that these craters were the result of missile impacts.

3. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted] and he may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have any questions regarding this project.

4. This project is considered to be complete.

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